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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.